

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 17-21 with the following:

-- In this embodiment, the anti-cavitation layer 26 has a window coincident with the window 122 in the insulating layer 35 of LOCUS SiO<sub>2</sub>, and is also covered by a layer of gold of thickness preferably between 100 and 200 Å, ~~not visible in any of the figures~~, the function of which is to act as "seed layer" for the metallic sacrificial layers 54', as described in the cited Italian patent Application TO 99A 000610. An example of a layer of gold is illustrated in FIG. 18 as a labeled rectangular box. --